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# CARVERS CREEK STATE PARK



## PARK Hours

**Park Office Open** 

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily Closed state holidays

**Park Gate Open** 

November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. March - October 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Closed Christmas day

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources 1615 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1615 (919) 707-9300 Welcome to Carvers Creek State Park, the first North Carolina state park to open in the sandhills region! Carvers Creek contains over 4,000 acres in Harnett and Cumberland counties, although not all of this land is accessible to the public at this time. As part of our interim development phase, we are working on the development of the park, and we are excited to have recently opened the Long Valley Farm Access for you.

## **ACTIVITIES**

#### Hiking

As you walk the trails of Long Valley Farm Access, you will experience a variety of habitats including a longleaf pine forest, a field, and a millpond. You'll also encounter an old farm site and other historic structures.

There are two hiking trails in the park, the James S. Rockefeller Trail and the Cypress Point Loop Trail. The James S. Rockefeller Trail begins at the opening in the fence near the park office. This easy, half-mile trail is blazed with white circles. It travels between a field and longleaf pine forest and ends at the Rockefeller House. Please use this trail on your return hike to the park office/trailhead.

The Cypress Point Loop Trail, blazed with blue circles, begins at the trail intersection near the Rockefeller House. This easy, .75-mile loop trail leads to a peninsula overlooking the millpond and back to the James S. Rockefeller Trail. Along the way, you'll encounter historic structures and a fishing access footpath along the millpond.

#### **Fishing**

The millpond, which has been here since the 1800s, is an excellent spot for fishing. Please help us protect this area by using only the footpath access to the water. This will prevent erosion and reduce your exposure to ticks, chiggers, and snakes.

Anglers need a state fishing license and must obey the regulations of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

#### **Picnicking**

Bring a packed lunch and have a picnic or simply sit and enjoy nature. There are picnic tables set up around the park office and along both trails.

#### **Nature Viewing**

There are many opportunities to view nature at Carvers Creek State Park. The open fields are wonderful places to view birds and insects. In the wooded areas, you may see fox squirrels and a variety of woodpeckers. The federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker calls our forests home. In the millpond, you'll likely see waterbirds and turtles.

#### **Environmental Education**

Park rangers conduct a variety of educational and interpretive programs about Carvers Creek's natural resources and history. Check calendars posted outside the park office and at the trailhead for upcoming programs.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations exist for the protection of our natural resources and our visitors. A complete list is available at the park office.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- North Carolina State Parks are wildlife preserves.
   Hunting and trapping are not permitted.
- The removal, destruction or injury of any animal, mineral, or plant is prohibited.
- Firearms and other weapons are prohibited except that those with a proper permit may possess a concealed handgun in permitted areas and under the requirements of North Carolina G.S. 14-415.11. All firearms and weapons are prohibited in state park visitor centers and park offices.
- Please do not litter. Place all trash and recyclables in proper containers.
- Biking, swimming, horseback riding, camping, and campfires are not permitted.

- North Carolina motor vehicle and traffic laws apply in the park. Speed limit is 15 mph.
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet and must be attended at all times.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY

- Please use the restrooms before you start on a trail. The restrooms are at the park office.
- When hiking, stay on marked trails. It can be easy to get lost.
- Consider wearing bug spray and sun block. You may encounter ticks, mosquitoes, chiggers and other biting insects in the park.
- Be aware of animals such as venomous snakes and plants like poison ivy and poison sumac.
   Exercise caution!
- Pay attention to the weather forecast; storms and other weather events are common, especially in the summer months.
- Many structures in the park are old and may be unstable. Please do not enter.
- Barbed-wire fencing is found throughout Long Valley Farm Access. It can cut or entangle you, so please keep your distance.

## IN EMERGENCY

#### **Emergencies - Dial 911**

Park Office: 910-436-4681

Cape Fear Valley Hospital: 910-615-4000

The nearest hospital is Cape Fear Valley Hospital, about 25 minutes away at 1638 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

**Directions:** Turn right on East Manchester Rd. Turn left at the light on Hwy. 87/ Fort Bragg Blvd. Continue on Hwy. 87/ Fort Bragg Blvd. through Fort Bragg. Turn right on Santa Fe Drive then left on All American Highway. Continue to the second traffic light and the hospital is on the right.